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NOMINATION FORM

WA-II-060

for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON: Mt. Zion Mennonite Church				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Fahrney Church, Zion's Meeting House				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: Benevola Church Road about 1/2 mile west of Maryland 66				
CITY OR TOWN: Route 2, Boonsboro				
STATE Maryland		COUNTY: Washington		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Trustees of the Mt. Zion Church				
STREET AND NUMBER: Route 2				
CITY OR TOWN: Boonsboro		STATE: Maryland		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Washington County Court House				
STREET AND NUMBER: West Washington Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): G/708				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Mt. Zion Mennonite Church is located along the north side of Bena-vola Church Road, about 1/2 mile west of Maryland Route 66 in Washington County. It is situated on a rise of ground and faces east.

The structure is a three-bay, one-story brick church with green and white trim. A date stone set in its east gable end is inscribed 1888 when the church was rebuilt. The date of the original church is given as 1763.

The walls are set on carefully cut limestone foundations. Common bond brick work with five courses of stretchers between header rows is displayed on all sides of the building. Decorative work at the exterior of the building includes segmental arches over the window and door openings and corbeling at the east gable end along the edges of the building and defining a cross motif.

Large four-over-four light windows are present in the north and south walls. Decorative carved woodwork is present at the lintels under the brick segmental arches. The window framing is narrow except for wide wooden sills.

Two entrances are located in the east gable end. They are framed similarly to the windows and have large three-light transoms.

The roof is of slate and extends for several inches beyond the end walls of the building. The cornice work is simple in design but is broad in expanse finishing the gables as well as the sides of the church. Small brick chimneys rise from inside the south side wall and inside the west gable end.

A cemetery is located west and north of the building. The church is in excellent condition.

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Columbus ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1888

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The areas of significance of Mt. Zion Mennonite Church are its architecture and its contribution to the early church history of Washington County.

Architecturally, the church building which was constructed in 1888, is a well maintained and preserved example of brick vernacular building of the late 19th century.

The original deed for the church property was granted from Isaac Houser, Sr. and Issac Houser, Jr. to Abraham Houser, "minister and preacher of the gospel," May 12, 1792. The one acre of land was to be used for the erection of a meeting house and for a burial ground. The 1792 date would tend to suggest that the 1763 date of the original church inscribed on the date stone is incorrect. The original church was of stone and is pictured in several local histories.

Additional information concerning the historical significance of Mt. Zion Church can be found in the attached copy of Roy M. Showalter's "The Mennonites of the Beaver Creek District" and "Zion's Meeting House," The Cumberland Valley Mennonite Historical Bulletin, No. 1 n.p.: The Washington-Franklin Mennonite Historical Committee, June 1, 1960.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Morning Herald, "Church at San Mar to Mark Long History this Sunday," August 1960, (before Sunday, August 20).
 Morning Herald, "Mennonite to Reopen Famed San Mar Church," September 1, 1963.
 Showalter, Roy M., "The Mennonites of the Beaver Creek District" and "Zion's Meeting House," The Cumberland Valley Mennonite Historical Bulletin, n.p. The Washington-Franklin Mennonite Historical Committee, June 1, 1960.
 Williams, T. J. C., History of Western Maryland, Volume 1, Hagerstown: Mail Publishing Co., 1906.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1 acre

Acreege Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNOARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant	
ORGANIZATION Washington County Historic Sites Survey	DATE June, 1974
STREET AND NUMBER: Court House Annex	
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown	STATE Maryland

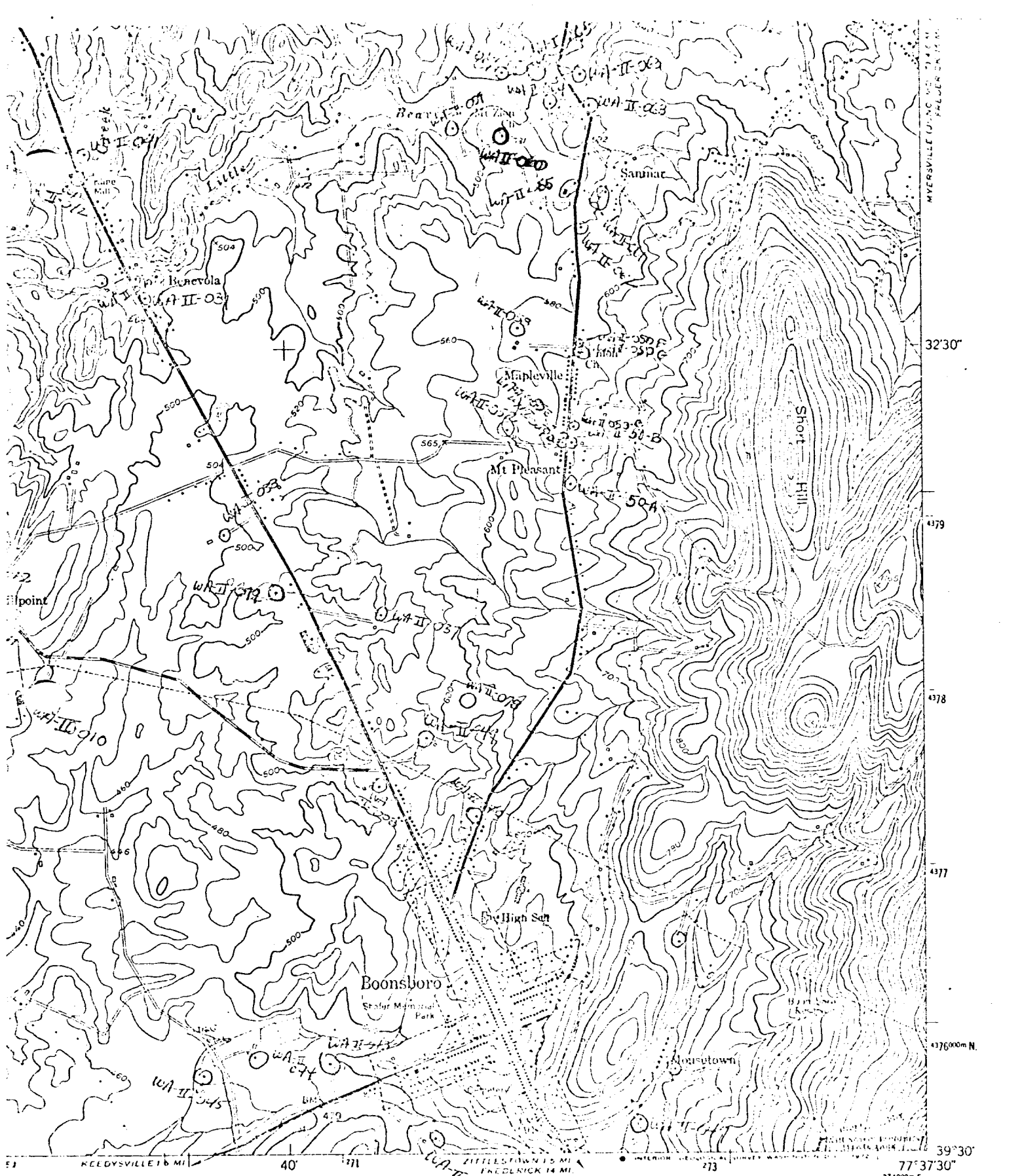
12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature _____

SEE INSTRUCTIONS



20 FEET LEVEL

0 1000 2000 3000 4000 5000 6000 7000 FEET

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 KILOMETER

1 MILE

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QUADRANGLE LOCATION

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy duty	4 LANE	Light duty
Medium duty	4 LANE	Unimproved dirt

U. S. Route
State Route
Interstate Route

(MIDDLETOWN) 2462 1 AC

FUNKSTOWN, MD.

SW/4 HAGLESTOWN 15' QUADRANGLE

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